Fisheries Corporation

337. Sri B. M. IDINABBA (Mangalore).—

Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Fisheries Corporation will be started ;

(*b*) the number of official and non-official members in the said Corporation ;

(*c*) the total amount that will be invested in the said Corporation together with its programme ?

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Minister of State for Fisheries and Ports).—

(*a*) This is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*).

(*c*) Does not arise.

Increase in Price of Rice

339. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the price of rice rose to Rs. 70–00 per Mura in South Kanara in general, and Coondapur Town in particular during September 1968 ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that this rise in price could have been avoided if the Government had opened Fair Price Shops to supply rice at controlled rates at least to the poorer and vulnerable sections of the society as was done during 1965 and 1966 ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of a suggestion made to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Food by the member of this House from Coondapur in a Memorandum presented to him at Coondapur in June 1968 ;

(*d*) if so, why no action was taken in the matter ?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, in certain taluks like Sullia and Puttur, but not in Coondapur Town, where it was Rs. 63 to Rs. 65 per Mura.